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LAUX, et al.

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Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application issued on November 28, 2006 in the above-referenced application, Applicants submit the following Response. Applicants also submit herewith a Fee Transmittal authorizing the \$65 surcharge to be charged to Deposit Account No. 04-1679. No extension of time fee is believed due in connection with this timely Response as the original two-month due date of January 28, 2007 fell on a Sunday and this Response is submitted Monday, January 29, 2007. However, if any other fees are found due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any such fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 04-1679.

The present application is a U.S. National Stage of PCT/IB04/004431, having an international filing date of December 3, 2004 and claiming the benefit of priority to New Zealand Patent Application No. NZ 529936 filed December 3, 2003.

Appl. No. 10/581,813
Response dated January 29, 2007
Response to Notice of Missing Parts mailed November 28, 2006

Applicants respectfully request entry of the Response to Notice to File Missing Parts, the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney, the CRF of the Sequence Listing, a paper copy of the Sequence Listing and the Statement to Support Filing and Submission of the Sequence Listing presented herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: January 29, 2007

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NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Indication of Small Entity Status
- Copy of the International Application filed on 06/02/2006
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 06/02/2006
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 06/02/2006
- Oath or Declaration filed on 06/02/2006
- Biochemical Sequence Listing filed on 06/02/2006
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 06/02/2006
- Priority Documents filed on 06/02/2006
- Specification filed on 06/02/2006
- Claims filed on 06/02/2006
- Drawings filed on 06/02/2006
- Paper nucleotide sequence listings filed on 06/02/2006

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date. The current oath or declaration does not comply with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b) in that it:
 - is not executed in accordance with either 37 CFR 1.66 or 37 CFR 1.68.
- To avoid abandonment, a surcharge (for late submission of filing fee, search fee, examination fee or oath or declaration) as set forth in 37 CFR 1.492(h) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27,

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SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is \$65 for a Small Entity:

- **\$65 Surcharge.**
- A copy of the "Sequence Listing" in computer readable form has not been submitted as required by 37 CFR 1.821(e). If the effective filing date is on or after September 8, 2000, see the final rulemaking notice published in the Federal Register at 65 FR 54604 (September 8, 2000) and 1238 OG 145 (September 19, 2000). Applicant must provide an initial computer readable form (CRF) copy of the "Sequence Listing" and a statement that the content of the sequence listing information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written (on paper or compact disc) sequence listing and, where applicable, includes no new matter, as required by 37 CFR 1.821(e), 1.821(f), 1.821(g), 1.825(b), or 1.825(d). If applicant desires the sequence listing in the instant application to be identical with that of another application on file in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, such request in accordance with 37 CFR 1.821(e) may be submitted in lieu of a new CRF.

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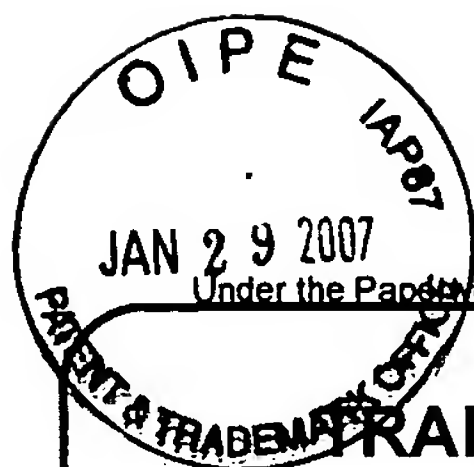
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ENCLOSURES (Check all that apply)

Fee Transmittal Form

(1 pg., in duplicate)

☐ Fee Attached

Amendment/Reply

☐ After Final☐ Affidavits/declaration(s)

Extension of Time Request



Express Abandonment Request



Information Disclosure Statement



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Drawing(s)



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Executed Declaration and POA (2 pgs.)

CRF of Sequence Listing

Paper Copy of Sequence Listing (21 pgs.)

Sequence Listing Statement (1 pg.)

Copy of Notice to File Missing Parts (2 pgs.)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT

Firm Name

Duane Morris LLP

Signature

Printed name

Suzanne L. Biggs

Date

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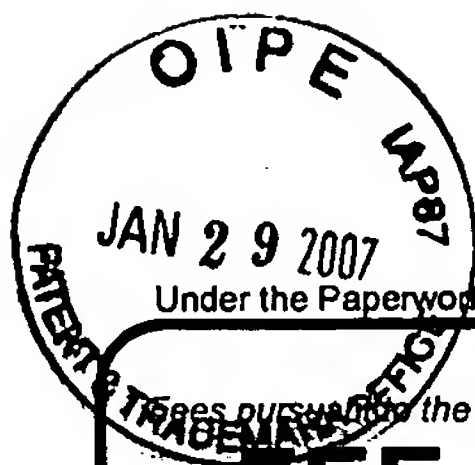
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Date

January 29, 2007

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FEE TRANSMITTAL
For FY 2006☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$)
65.00**Complete if Known**

Application Number	10/581,813
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First Named Inventor	LAUX
Examiner Name	Not Assigned
Art Unit	2614
Attorney Docket No.	E3697-00044

METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)☐ Check ☐ Credit Card ☐ Money Order ☐ None ☐ Other (please identify): _____☒ Deposit Account Deposit Account Number: 04-1679 Deposit Account Name: Duane Morris LLP

For the above-identified deposit account, the Director is hereby authorized to: (check all that apply)

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Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES**Fee Description**

Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)

Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)

Multiple dependent claims

Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
50	25
200	100
360	180

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
- 20 or HP =	x	=	

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Indep. Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
- 3 or HP =	x	=	

HP = highest number of independent claims paid for, if greater than 3.

Multiple Dependent Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)

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4. OTHER FEE(S)

Non-English Specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount)

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Fees Paid (\$)

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Name (Print/Type)	Suzanne L. Biggs		Date January 29, 2007

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